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SUBJ: REGIONAL TUNA APPROACH

REF: STATE 136384 AND CARACAS 6132

1. DURING A CALL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR AGUILAR THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS PARTICIPATING IN THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. I EXPLAINED MY INTEREST IN MAKING CERTAIN THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS APPROPRIATELY INFORMED BEFORE WE CONSULTED ELSEWHERE, I ASKED FOR HIS ADVICE IN THAT REGARD.

2. AGUILAR SAID THAT HE WOULD ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM. FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM IS AN OLD FRIEND AND IS ANXIOUS THAT HE CONTINUE HIS LAW-OF-THE-SEA FUNCTIONS. AGUILAR DID THINK IT APPROPRIATE THAT I CONSULT WITH THE MINISTRY AT SOME POINT EARLY ON, BUT ASKED ME TO HOLD OFF UNTIL HE COULD LEARN MORE OF WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND.

3. AGUILAR NOTED THAT HE HAS ALREADY SPENT MANY MONTHS OUTSIDE VENEZUELA AND THAT SEVERAL ADDITIONAL TRIPS ARE SCHEDULED IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ROLE ON THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND IN CONNECTION WITH ON-GOING LOS NEGOTIATIONS.

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HIS PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE IS SUFFERING AS A RESULT

OF ALL THIS ACTIVITY.

4. HOWEVER, AGUILAR DID NOT CLOSE THE DOOR AND MY IMPRESSION
IS THAT HE MIGHT BE OPEN TO PERSUASION. I TOLD HIM IT WAS
MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THOMAS CLINGAN WOULD BE CALLING HIM.
AGUILAR SPOKE WARMLY OF HIS ASSOCIATIONS WITH CLINGAN
AND SAID HE WOULD WELCOME A CALL. WE AGREED TO BE IN TOUCH
ON THE QUESTION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY AFTER HE HAS
HEARD FROM WASHINGTON.
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